
arden Committee Minutes 10/17/16

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Pelham Neighbor 2 Neighbor Community Garden Minutes 10/17/16

Present: Cyd Reiman, Wendi Weinberg, Roger Conant, Richard Seelig
Meeting Called to Order 5:45 p.m.
Minutes approved from 9/14/16 meeting.

Agenda Item #1

Water Tanks have been drained; they do not need to be covered for winter; leave them in place; clean inside now or in the Spring.

Agenda Item #2

Rick Adamcek runs the town mowers_ & is in charge of town maintenance - The town funded this project, we believe they should maintain that field.

Agenda Item #3

Pollinator Garden - Would like update from Sue and Heidi as to intention with the cardboard and leaves. What's next!?

Agenda Item #4

The equipment Pelham uses to clear saplings is shared by four towns. Rick is waiting to receive it, so we can have vehicle access at the stone wall garden site opened up. This will make it easy for cars and small trucks to access the garden if the parking area is full.

Agenda Item #5

End of Season Plot Care-Wendi will send out an e-mail to the gardeners regarding cleaning out plots for winter. Language will be taken from the 'Rules & Guidelines' (item #6 in packet) given to them at time of registration. It was suggested that next season we charge \$40 a plot, \$20. refundable at end of season when their plot is cleaned out. That gives gardeners additional motivation to take that responsibility.

The South Hadley Community Garden said it took 3 years to gain momentum and energy for their garden.

Agenda Items (brainstorming) for next few meetings:

- a) Fee structure for next season (see agenda item #5)
- b) Work hours mandatory? - 4 hours per plot / per season
- c) Cover crop for winter on existing plots?
- d) Pollinator Garden update
- e) Timber use in pollinator garden for border?
- f) Publicity
- g) Review information packet and revise if necessary
- h) Host a seed starting workshop in March at the library?
- i) Have an end of season potluck next year, on site, for the community at large?

Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.
Next Meeting 11/16/16 5:45 p.m.